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September 20, 2002

LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 02-132
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Alexander Ray
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Subject: Tilton - Public Water System: Tilt N Dinner (EPA #2358130)

Dear Mr. Ray:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the Tilt N Dinner water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system serving 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that Standard Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for total coliform bacteria, as defined in NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 315.01 have occurred and that letters of violation were issued for the following months:

August 2002 and September 2002

DES believes the MCL violations can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

- By October 4, 2002**, retain the services of a qualified water system consultant to address the system's water quality problems relative to the recent bacteriological occurrences; and
- 2 By October 18, 2002**, submit to DES for review a copy of the consultant's report including recommendations and an implementation schedule to correct the water system deficiencies.

Pursuant to Env-Ws 351, owners of public water systems are required to issue public notification when a system has exceeded the MCL limit for coliform bacteria. DES records show that the water system has not yet provided proof to DES that public notice was posted for the August 2002 MCL violation. To avoid additional violations, please ensure that public notice for each of the MCL violations is provided within 30 days of receiving notification of the violations, and that proof of public notice is proved to DES within 10 days of providing such notice to the public.

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In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

Please contact Alan Leach by phone at (603) 271-2854 or by e-mail at aleach@des.state.nh.us, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Administrator
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